

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 16, 2005

### COOL DRY CONDITIONS ALLOW FOR PLANTING PROGRESS

A cool dry week, with **6.5 days suitable for field work**, meant farmers were able to make progress in getting crops planted. As a result, most **vegetable** and **grain crops** are now near the five-year average for planting progress. However, another week of minimal precipitation raises concern about lower soil moisture conditions for emerging plants. Air temperatures dropped into the 30's at night and some spots saw a light frost.

**Small grains** were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** was rated 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

**Pasture** was rated 14 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 16 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 8 percent very short, 21 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Small Grain Development:</b>				
Barley Headed	93	82	96	92
Wheat Headed	39	97	66	63
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Cantaloups	35	21	49	53
Cucumbers	26	15	22	28
Field Corn	72	56	78	72
Lima Beans	20	5	15	15
Potatoes	99	99	100	96
Snap Beans	27	7	36	25
Sorghum	5	-	28	13
Soybeans	13	4	14	12
Sweet Corn	59	55	59	56
Tomatoes	37	35	52	56
Watermelons	42	15	43	39
<b>Fruit Crops Blooming:</b>				
Apples	96	80	100	98
Peaches	98	77	97	98
Strawberries	81	73	96	91

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	3	38	58	1
Topsoil (2004)	3	10	80	7
Five Year Average	6	19	63	12
Subsoil Moisture	-	14	85	1
Subsoil (2004)	-	2	92	6
Five Year Average	3	20	70	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	14.44	0.89	71	34	52	-8
Easton	0.00	18.43	3.29	71	38	54	-8
Frederick	0.01	13.52	0.86	71	36	50	-7
Frostburg	0.13	15.14	-0.61	64	29	44	-10
Hagerstown	0.02	10.47	-2.04	68	35	50	-10
Mechanicsville	0.04	14.46	-0.76	70	34	50	-11
Patuxent River	0.27	13.85	0.28	67	38	54	-8
Ocean City	0.49	14.40	-1.40	66	34	51	-9
Salisbury	0.49	14.66	-0.68	68	29	50	-11
Sharpsburg	0.04	12.87	0.21	70	30	48	-9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	13.86	1.65	71	38	55	-9
Delaware							
Dover	0.20	15.39	0.78	68	37	52	-9
Georgetown	0.44	13.02	-2.12	67	35	52	-8
Wilmington	0.03	15.05	1.33	71	33	51	-8

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